



BOOTERSTOWN PARISH

WEEKLY NEWS

21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In brief: a limited number of newsletters are available from the table in the church. If you pick up a newsletter, **kindly take it home with you** and please do not return it to the table for another parishioner or a visitor to handle. Thank you!

Booterstown Parish Website is updated weekly. Visit www.booterstownparish.ie to keep up to date with liturgical and parish news.

Webcam Join our virtual parish community via the parish webcam which broadcasts live the 10 o'clock Mass from Monday to Sunday inclusive. If you are not free to join the livestream at 10.00 am, a recording of the Mass can be played back later on in the day, at your own convenience. The recordings are retained for about 24 hours and then deleted. Visit www.churchservices.tv/ChurchoftheAssumption/booterstown

Confession: Please make initial contact with Fr. Gerry to make an arrangement.

Parish Office Telephone: is 01 283 1593. **Email** info@booterstownparish.ie The Parish Secretary is working behind closed doors from Monday – Friday, 9.00 am – 1.00 pm if you wish to book an Anniversary Mass, require a Mass Card or have a query that we can assist you with.

Alpha Course is available on Zoom for those who would like to participate. Please give your name to Fr. Gerry or to the Parish Secretary if you are interested.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd March.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

John 12 :20-30

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you?

2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying *Father, save me from this hour*. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: *No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour*. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.

3. The story presents the death of Jesus as the moment of his glorification by God. We are also *glorified* when the grace of God enables us to give generously of ourselves. When have you experienced this in yourself or in another?

4. *This voice has come for your sake and not for mine*. The angel spoke that we might recognise the love being shown us by Jesus. Sometimes it requires the voice of another to draw our attention to love that is being offered to us. When was this your experience?



Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2nd Class and 6th Class 2020: A reminder to parents and guardians that **Registration for enrolment for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2020** has now closed.

Rest in Peace: Josephine Maguire, Fr. John Hand, S.M.;

Month's Mind: We remember Niall Browne whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

Anniversaries today: Paddy McMahon (19th); Joe King (20th); Stella Kane, James Ennis, Aidan Maguire (1st A).

Anniversaries at this time: John Galvin, remembering his wife, Mary; Tim Murphy (3rd); Tommy and Brigid Simpson; Tim Mc Nulty, Margaret Morgan (3rd A).

Palm Sunday is celebrated next Sunday, 28th March. Palm crosses will be blessed at 10:00 am Mass and available for collection in the church during the day until 5:00 pm. The crosses will be individually laid out on the benches in the church. Please handle one cross only and take it home with you.

Lenten Penance Service will take place, behind closed doors, on **Monday, 29th March** following 10.00 am Mass. The webcam will remain switched on after Mass, and we invite you to keep your smart phone, I-pad etc switched on following the Final Blessing at Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul: If you need some support and assistance with expenses such as heating, medical expenses, school expenses, shopping etc., the St. Vincent de Paul Conference members request that you make initial contact with their Head Office on 01-855 0022 and leave your contact details. The Head Office will arrange for a member of the Booterstown Conference to get in touch with you.

Aware - Support and Self Care Groups if you wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone-In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information visit <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and services on www.aware.ie

Covid-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to Covid-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00 am to 8.00 pm by calling **0818 222 024**

Pope Francis has announced that Knock Shrine will now be recognised as an International Marion and Eucharistic Shrine. A Triduum to mark this occasion commences on Friday 19th March with Mass at 7.30 pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 20th and at 12 noon on Sunday 21st March.

Log on to www.knockshrine.ie

The Church Organ has been beautifully restored during the past few months. In recent years we were aware that the organ required attention and some loving care and the current public health restrictions imposed on churches proved a good time for the renovation and restoration work to be carried out. The great soundboard has been replaced which was a marathon task. Our church organ was installed in 1871, and this 150th Anniversary year of its installation proves to be an appropriate year in which to restore it. We are delighted with the result, as is our resident organist, Kevin Sheldrick. This magnificent instrument is now ready for the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter and Fr. Gerry, joined by the Parish Finance Committee, is most grateful to all those who contributed so generously to the cost of the new soundboard and restoration work.

The Holy Week and Easter timetable is currently or, has already been distributed to homes in the parish. Additional copies for visitors and for those who live outside the parish boundaries are available (enveloped) in the church porch. The timetable is on the website. Adrienne and Therese extend their sincere appreciation to all those who assisted with the marathon task of packing the Easter Cards, timetable, and Easter Dues envelopes. We are very grateful to the volunteers who are currently assisting with the delivery of the envelopes to all homes in the parish.

Vox Hiberniae is a group of musicians from parishes in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The group has prepared a beautiful reflection in conjunction with the Avila Carmelite Centre in Donnybrook “A Celtic Lenten Journey – Harp, Voice and Violin” reflects in word and in song on the Passion of Jesus. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGiFqCswp90>

Chrism Mass Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate the Chrism Mass in St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral on Wednesday, 31st March at 7.30 pm. Following the current Pandemic restrictions and health guidelines, only a very small number of people will be physically present. You may wish to join in this celebration via webcam (www.procathedral.ie). During the Mass Archbishop Farrell will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and will consecrate the Holy Oil of Chrism for use in the sacraments throughout our Diocese in the coming year.

<i>Priests of the Parish</i>		<i>Confessions</i>
Fr. Gerry Kane 52 Booterstown Ave.	Parish Priest 086 8220956	By arrangement with Fr. Gerry Kane
<i>Email & Website</i>		<i>Baptisms</i>
info@booterstownparish.ie		By Arrangement
www.booterstownparish.ie		<i>Marriages</i>
<i>Mass Times</i>		By arrangement, 3 months notice required
<i>Saturday:</i> 10am via web cam		
<i>Sunday:</i> 10am via web cam		Parish Secretary: Thérèse O’Donoghue
<i>Tue- Fri:</i> 10 am via web cam		Parish Office: Tel & Fax 01 283 1593
<i>Rosary</i>		(Tue - Fri. 9-10 am & 10.30-1.30 pm)
		Sacristan: Paul Lyng 288 8586
<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		St. Marys Boys School 288 6830
		Our Lady of Mercy Girls School 288 4223